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ABSTRACT of ſeveral Acts of Parliament, now in Force, which were made for preventing His Majeſty's Subjects from Trading to the Eaſt-Indies, under Foreign Commiſſions; and from being intereſted or concerned in any Foreign Eaſt-India Company to be erected.

BY the following Acts of Parliament now in Force, and which were made, for preventing His Majeſty's Subjects from Trading to the Eaſt-Indies, under Foreign Commiſſions; and from being intereſted, or concerned, in any Foreign Eaſt-India Company, to be erected; it is Enacted as follows, *viz.*

5th Geo. I. *Cap.* 21.] By an Act paſſed in the 5th Year of His late Majeſty, King George the Firſt, all His Majeſty's Subjects, except thoſe Licenſed by the Eaſt-India Company, are prohibited from going to the Eaſt-Indies. — And to the End ſuch Offenders may be brought to Juſtice, the Eaſt-India Company are empowered to arreſt, and ſeize, ſuch Offenders in the Eaſt-Indies, and to ſend them to England, there to anſwer for the ſaid Offence; And every Britiſh Subject, who ſhall procure, ſollicit for, obtain, or act under, any Commiſſion, Authority, or Paſs, from any Foreign Prince, or State, to ſail, or go, or trade, in, or to the Eaſt-Indies, incurs, and forfeits, for every ſuch Offence, 500 *l.*

7th Geo. I. *Cap.* 21.] By another Act paſſed in the 7th Year of His late Majeſty King George the Firſt, every Subject of His Majeſty, who ſhall go to, or ſhall Trade, or Adventure into, or from, the Eaſt-Indies, (contrary to the Laws in being,) and ſhall be convicted thereof, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record, at Weſtminſter, is to pay, and ſuffer ſuch Fine, and Impriſonment, as the Court ſhall think fit.

And all the Goods, and Merchandize, that ſhall be bartered or traffick'd for, in the Eaſt-Indies, or purchaſed there, by any ſuch Offenders, or that ſhall be found in his Cuſtody, or in the Cuſtody of any other Perſon, by his Order, or Procurement, are declared to be forfeited, with Double the Value thereof.

9th Geo. I. *Cap.* 26.] By an Act paſſed in the 9th Year of His late Majeſty King George the Firſt, all His Majeſty's Subjects are prohibited from ſubſcribing, contributing to, encouraging, or promoting, the raiſing, eſtabliſhing, or carrying on, any Foreign Company, from, and after, the 24th Day of June 1723, to be raiſed, formed, or erected, for Trading to the Eaſt-Indies, and from being intereſted in, or intitled to, any Share in the Stock, or Capital, of ſuch Foreign Company, under Forfeiture of all his, her, or their Intereſt, in the Capital, Principal, Stock, or Actions, of any ſuch Foreign Company, together with Treble the Value thereof.

And the Attorney General is empowered to exhibit Bills of Complaint in the Court of Chancery, or Court of Exchequer, againſt ſuch Offenders, for the Diſcovery of ſuch Offence; which Diſcovery ſuch Offenders are obliged to make on the Attorney General's waving in ſuch Bill, the ſaid Forfeiture of the Treble Value, and inſiſting only on the Single Value thereof; And in ſuch Caſe, the Single Value is to be decreed to be paid by ſuch Offender.

And that every Subject of His Majeſty accepting of any Truſt, or knowing of any Intereſt, Share, Part, Proportion, or Concern, which any other of His Majeſty's Subjects ſhall have, or be intitled to, in any ſuch Foreign Company; and who ſhall not, within Six Months, next after the Accepting ſuch Truſt, or coming to the Knowledge of ſuch Intereſt, Share, Proportion, or Concern, as aforeſaid, truly diſcover the ſame in Writing to the Eaſt-India Company, or their Court of Directors, ſhall forfeit Treble the Value of the Intereſt ſo accepted in Truſt, or ſo known and not diſcovered, as aforeſaid; and any Perſon making ſuch Diſcovery, is intitled to a Moiety of the Forfeiture.

And all His Majeſty's Subjects, (other than ſuch as are lawfully authorized thereunto,) going to, or found in the Eaſt-Indies, are declared guilty of a High Crime, and Miſdemeanor, and are made liable to Corporal Puniſhment, Impriſonment, or Fine, for the ſame, at the Diſcretion of ſuch of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, where the Proſecution for ſuch Offence ſhall be commenced.

And every Perſon ſo offending may be ſeized, and brought to England, and committed to Goal there, by any one of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, until ſufficient

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ſufficient Security be given by Natural-born Subjects or Denizens, to appear in the Court, where ſuch Proſecution ſhall be commenced, to anſwer the ſame, and not depart without Leave of the Court.

3d Geo. II. *Cap.* 14.] By an Act paſſed in the 3d Year of His preſent Majeſty, it is Enacted, That if any of His Majeſty's Subjects (other than the Eaſt-India Company, and thoſe licenſed by them,) ſhall directly, or indirectly, go to, trade, or adventure into, or from, the Eaſt-Indies, every ſuch Offender ſhall incur the Forfeiture, and Loſs, of all the Ships, and Veſſels, employed in ſuch Voyage, Trade, or Adventure; and alſo all the Goods laden thereupon, or that were ſent to, acquired, traded or adventured, within the Eaſt-Indies, and all the Proceed, and Effects, of the ſame, and Double the Value thereof.

AT the Court at St. *James's*, the 13th Day of *February* 1752.

PRESENT,

The King's Moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

This Day the Right Honourable John Lord Berkeley of Stratton, and the Right Honourable Sir George Lee, Knight, were, by his Majeſty's Command, Sworn of His Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council, and took their Places at the Board accordingly.

William Sharpe.

Liſbon, Jan. 18. A grand Council was held at Court a few Days ago, to take the State of our Marine into Conſideration, when 'tis ſaid, a Reſolution was taken to augment the Royal Navy of this Kingdom with eight Men of War, from 40 to 70 Guns each. We cannot learn that the Court have as yet received any Advices from Comodore Vaſconcellos, who put to Sea the Beginning of this Month with a ſmall Squadron, in order to cruize againſt the Barbary Pyrates; and yet it is confidently reported, that he came up with the famous Corſair Hagi-Hoffman a few Days after he left this Port, and engaged him for ſix Hours, but that the Pyrates had eſcaped, through the Favour of the Night, in a very ſhattered Condition.

Naples, Jan. 25. There is a Project on Foot for eſtabliſhing a Bank in this City, under the Name of the Bank of St. Gennaro. Its Capital is to conſiſt of 1,100,000 Ducats. The Million is to pay an Intereſt of 3 per Cent. per Annum; and the 100,000 Ducats is to be made into Annuities, to be divided into four Claſſes, and to be drawn by Way of Lottery. This Lottery is to conſiſt of 5000 Tickets of different Prizes, as is expreſſed in the Propoſals publiſhed for that Purpoſe; and all Foreigners, as well as the King's Subjects, are invited to join in this Project. On the 15th Inſtant the King nominated M. Celentano to the vacant Biſhoprick of Troja.

Rome, Jan. 29. By the laſt Letters from Narny we have received the Melancholy News, that the Village of Ferentillo has been extremely damaged by a violent Shock of an Earthquake; and that the two Abbies of Ognaro and la Mura, adjacent to it, were quite ruined, in ſo much that the Inhabitants had abandoned their Houſes. For this Fortnight paſt we have had ſuch heavy Rains, that we begin to be in great Pain leaſt the Tiber, whoſe Waters are ſwelled to a prodigeous Height, ſhould overflow its Banks.

Florence, Feb. 2. The laſt Letters we received from Parma, brought an Account of the ſudden Death, on the 18th paſt, of M. Carpentero, the Prime Miniſter and Secretary of State; and that, by the Remarks that were obſerved on his Corpſe, there was a ſtrong Suſpicion that he had been poiſoned. On this Account the Duke gave Orders to have his Corpſe opened, in order to come to the true Knowledge thereof

Copenhagen, Feb. 8. The King has granted his Permiſſion to the Inhabitants of Iceland to ſet up Manufactures for the making of Stuffs for their own Wear; and has moreover ordered 10,000 Crowns to be paid out of his Treaſury, to enable them to engage Workmen and purchaſe the neceſſary Implements for that Purpoſe.

Hambourg, Feb. 11. We learn by our laſt Letters from Dantzick, that the Magiſtrates of that City have at laſt come to a Reſolution to ſubmit entirely to the Orders of the King of Poland; ſo that 'tis to be hoped all Diſputes are at an End between them and the Citizens of that City.

Bruſſels, Feb. 14. Laſt Wedneſday five hundred Recruits arrived here; they were all reviewed the ſame Day by the Marqueſs de Botta d'Adorno, and afterwards incorporated in the Regiment of Prince Charles of Lorrain, and in thoſe of Ahrenberg and Salm.

Whitehall, February 15.

The King has been pleaſed to conſtitute and appoint William Kerr, Eſq; commonly called Earl of Ancram, to be Colonel of the Regiment of Dragoons lately commanded by Mark Kerr, Eſq; commonly called Lord Mark Kerr, deceaſed.

The King has been pleaſed to conſtitute and appoint Edward Cornwallis, Eſq; to be Colonel of the Regiment of Foot lately commanded by William Kerr, Eſq; commonly called Earl of Ancram.

The King has been pleaſed to conſtitute and appoint Humphry Bland, Eſq; Lieutenant General of His Majeſty's Forces, to be Conſtable and Governor of His Majeſty's Caſtle of Edinburgh; and alſo to be Captain of the Company of Foot doing Duty in the ſaid Caſtle, in the Room of Mark Kerr, Eſq; commonly called Lord Mark Kerr, deceaſed.

Richard Onſlow, Eſq; Lieutenant General of His Majeſty's Forces, to be Governor of Fort William in North Britain, in the Room of Lieutenant General Bland.

John Leighton, Eſq; to be Lieutenant Governor of Fort William in North Britain, in the Room of Lieutenant Governor Campbell, deceaſed.

John Murray, Eſq; to be Lieutenant Governor of the Town and Garriſon of Portſmouth, and of the Forts and Fortifications thereto belonging, in the Room of John Leighton, Eſq;

George Churchill, Eſq; Lieutenant General of His Majeſty's Forces, to be Commander of all His Majeſty's Land Forces employed or to be employed in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland; and alſo of the Caſtles, Forts and Barracks there. And

Eſme Clarke, Gent. to be Town Major of the Town and Garriſon of Kingſton upon Hull.

The King has been pleaſed to conſtitute and appoint Hedworth Lambton, Eſq; to be Firſt Major to the Second Regiment of Foot Guards, (commonly called the Coldſtream) commanded by the Right Honourable William Anne Earl of

of Albemarle, Lieutenant General of His Majesty's Forces.

Bennet Noel, Esq; to be Second Major.

Charles Chaig, Esq; to be Captain.

Robert Dingley, Esq; to be Captain-Lieutenant.

Edward Mathews, Esq; to be Lieutenant. And

George Henry Lenox, Esq; commonly called Lord George Henry Lenox, to be Ensign in the said Regiment.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, Feb. 15, 1752.

Orders for the Change of the Mourning for the late Queen of Denmark, on Sunday the 1st of March next, viz.

The Men to continue in Black full trimmed, plain or fringed Linnen, black Swords and Buckles.

Undress. Grey Frocks.

The Ladies to wear black Silk, fringed or plain Linnen, white Gloves, black and white Shoes, Fans and Tippets, white Necklaces and Earings. No Diamonds

Undress. White or grey Lustrings, Tabbies or Damasks.

N. B. His Majesty will keep his Birth-day in a few Days after.

Whitehall, February 15, 1752.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that on Tuesday Night last, the 11th Instant, an anonimous Letter was thrown into the Court Yard belonging to the House of John Lister, Esq; at Bawtry in the County of York, requiring the said John Lister to lay Fifty Pounds in Galloway Summer House, on the Warren, against Sunday next, *and threatning, in case of Refusal,* to burn his said House, and do other Mischief, *declaring, at the same Time, that* there is a Gang of Twenty of them, well armed, concerned in this Affair; *His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the several Persons therein concerned, is hereby pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any one of the Offenders (except the Person who actually wrote the said Letter) who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices, so that he, she or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.*

HOLDERNESSE.

And as a farther Encouragement the said John Lister, Esq; does hereby promise a Reward of Fifty Pounds to the Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, to be paid upon Conviction of one or more of the Offenders.

East India House, Feb. 12, 1752.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, do hereby give Notice,

That the Transfer Books for the said Company's 3 ½ per Cent. Annuities will be shut on Friday the 6th Day of March next, at Two of the Clock, and opened again on Friday the 10th Day of April following.

And that the Dividend Warrants for the said 3 ½ per Cent. Annuities, due at Lady-day next, will be delivered on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday in every Week (Holydays and Saturday Afternoons excepted) between the Hours of Nine and Twelve in the Forenoon, and Three and Five in the Afternoon, to begin on Thursday the 23d Day of April next.

That the Transfer Books for the said Company's 3 per Cent. Annuities, will be shut on Saturday the 7th Day of March next, at Two of the Clock, and opened again on Saturday the 11th Day of April following.

And that the Dividend Warrants for the said 3 per Cent. Annuities, due at Lady-day next, will be delivered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in every Week, (Holydays excepted) between the Hours of Nine and Twelve in the Forenoon, and Three and Five in the Afternoon, to begin on Friday the 24th Day of April next.

N. B. The Possessors of the Company's mark'd Bonds and Certificates for East India Annuities, are desired to bring them in to be made Stock before the shutting of the Books, as otherwise Warrants for the Dividends due thereon at Lady day next, cannot be made out until Michaelmas following. No Certificates or Permits will be taken in to be made Stock, during the Time the Books are shut.

The Anniversary Meeting of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, will be held at the Vestry Room belonging to the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow in Cheapside, on Friday the 21st of this Instant February, at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon, upon which Occasion a Sermon will be preached by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Carlisle.

Prayers will begin at Eleven of the Clock.

East India House, Feb. 12, 1752.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, do hereby give Notice,

That the Transfer Books of the said Company's Stock will be shut on Thursday the 5th Day of March next, at Two of the Clock.

That a Quarterly General Court of the said Company will be held at their House in Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday the 18th Day of March next, at Eleven in the Forenoon.

That the Lists of the Members of the said Company will be ready to be delivered at their said House, on Tuesday the 24th Day of said March.

That a General Court will be held at their said House, on Wednesday the 8th Day of April next, for the Election of Twenty-four Directors of the said Company for the Year ensuing, which will continue from Nine in the Morning until Six in the Afternoon of the same Day, after which no Lists will be taken in.

And that the Transfer Books of the said Company's Stock will be opened on Thursday the 9th Day of the said April.

Society of the Free British Fishery.

Mercers Hall, Feb. 13, 1752.

It being the Opinion of this General Court, that a Call of Thirty per Cent. on the Proprietors will be for the Advantage of this Society; It is agreed, that a General Court shall be called, for that Purpose, on Monday the 24th Instant, at Eleven in the Forenoon.

By Order of the General Court,

John Lockman, *Secretary.*

N. B. The Books, for receiving new Subscriptions, continue open at the following Bankers, viz.

Messr. Surman and Co. in Lombard-Street.
Sir Richard Hoare and Co. in Fleet-Street.
Messr. Child and Co. at Temple Bar.
Messr. Drummond, Charing-Cross.

Tower of London, Jan. 17, 1752.

The Lieutenant-General and Principal Officers of his Majesty's Ordnance give Notice, That they will sell, by Publick Auction, on Thursday the 27th of February next, Sundry Lots of Powder Horns, Lanthorns, Tann'd Hydes, Cartouch Boxes, Scabbards, Musquet and Pistol Barrels, Musquets with Iron and Brass Furniture, Brass Work for Musquets, Musquet Locks, Swords, Tarr'd Rope, Breechings, Tacklefalls, Pots or Head Pieces, Back and Breast Plates of Armour, with Cloathing, Bedding, and other old and unserviceable Stores lying in the Tower, where they may be viewed till the Time of Sale; and printed Lists of the Lots will be delivered to such Persons as apply for them.

By Order of the Board,

Charles Bush.

Excise-Office, London, Jan. 31, 1752.

By Order of the Honourable the Commissioners of Excise, &c. on Wednesday and Thursday the 19th and 20th of February next, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoons, will be exposed to Sale in their Court Room in the Old Jewry, several Parcels of condemned Bohea and Green Tea, Coffee, Chocolate, Brandy, Rum, Geneva, and Deer-Skins, &c. Printed Allotments of the Particulars thereof, will be delivered at the said Office, on Saturday the 15th of February; and the Goods may be viewed there, and at the Excise Warehouses near the Custombouse, on Monday and Tuesday following, from Nine in the Morning till Two in the Afternoon, also on the Day of Sale, till Twelve of the Clock.

Admiralty Office, Dec. 23, 1751.

Notice is hereby given, that a Session of Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery for the Trial of Offences committed on the High Seas within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty of England, will be held on Tuesday the 18th Day of February next, at Justice Hall in the Old Baily, London, at Eight of the Clock in the Morning.

J. Clevland.